particular spots shall become extensive as the world; and when such scenes as those presented in the fall of Jerusalem, afc the close of the Jewish dispensation, shall Tbe acted on a larger theatre, with all men as actors, and the universe as spectators. It has often been remarked, that revolutions accomplish in the moral world what thunder-storms do in the natural world; and it has been observed by Niebuhr, that; plagues, such as that at Athens in the time of Pericles, and at Rome in the age of M. Aurelius, are the termination of one course of things and the commencement of another; and it is conceivable that this present dispensation of things may terminate in a convulsion, which is to be the forerunner of that era of peace which is to close our world's history. The pillars on which this present imperfect dispensation is supported may be pulled down, to bury in the ruins all that is evil, and as the precursor of a period of peace and glorious liberty.

SECT. V.—ADAPTATION OF THIS WOKLD TO MAN. CONSIDERED AS A FALLEN BEING.

We now return to a subject which came frequently before us in the first book. Let us inquire what light the arrangements of heaven, which we have been considering, throw upon the character of man, or rather upon the view which God seems to take of the character of man. We are aware that the argument cannot be conclusive, till we take a separate survey of human nature on independent evidence. But still it may be confirmatory of the inferences to be drawn in the subsequent book, to find all other roads leading to the same point—all the lines converging to one centre. It is not needful to repeat what was said in the first book as to the various indications given in God's works of a holy God, a moral governor, and a fallen world. We feel now, however, as if, after the survey taken, we were

able to bring new considerations, and old considerations with new force, to support the doctrine which then recommended itself on the ground of general probability.

Looking at the arrangements which God hath made in the physical world, we find them to be *actually* employed in guiding and restraining mankind. Looking at their structure and organization, we find them *fitted* to accomplish these ends. We